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Crime statistics show further reductions in offences

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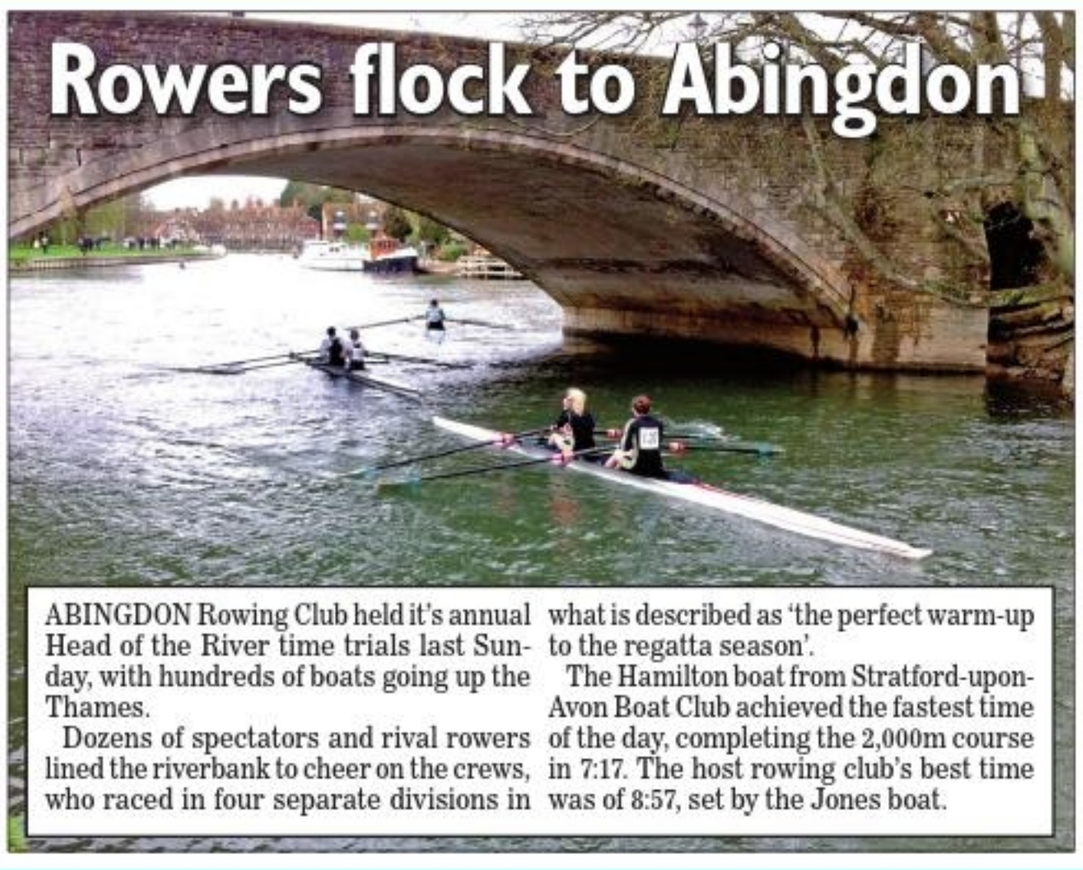

Rowers flock to Abingdon

ABINGDON Rowing Club held it's annual Head of the River time trials last Sunday, with hundreds of boats going up the Thames.

Dozens of spectators and rival rowers lined the riverbank to cheer on the crews, who raced in four separate divisions in what is described as 'the perfect warm-up to the regatta season'.

The Hamilton boat from Stratford-upon-Avon Boat Club achieved the fastest time of the day, completing the 2,000m course in 7:17. The host rowing club's best time was of 8:57, set by the Jones boat.

SOUTH and Vale area commander Supt Andy Boyd says the force is not underestimating the challenges of improving upon success year after year.

Between April 1, 2013, and March 31, this year, crime in South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse has dropped by 0.2 per cent.

The decrease builds upon a 38 per cent reduction in the last 10 years, while crime has never been lower, according to recorded data, in the South and Vale.

As the second best performing Local Police Area in the Thames Valley, South and Vale has seen a six per cent reduction in dwelling burglaries, 37 per cent detection rate in rape and 61.3 per cent outcome rate in violence against the person with injury.

Supt Boyd (pictured) said: "Whilst we are extremely proud of these achievements, we do not underestimate the challenges of maintaining these levels of performance.

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"We are committed to striving to further reduce crime.

"The simple facts are that you are less likely to be a victim of crime in South Oxfordshire or the Vale of White Horse than almost anywhere else in the country.

"Also, if somebody commits a crime within our district they are far more likely to be caught."

Supt Boyd added that dwelling burglaries will remain a priority, with 20 per cent of this year's offences occurring in Henley town centre.

"This is a crime that can have a devastating impact on victims," said Supt Boyd.

"Whilst we are proud to have reduced this crime by 60 per cent in the last 10 years, we are determined to reduce it still further."

Other priorities will be tackling violence and rural crime, the latter of which has seen a 25 per cent reduction in the last year.

Neighbourhood Watch Schemes and community messaging across the districts will also be continuously developed.

Supt Boyd continued: "As I regularly point out, we have not reduced crime on our own.

"I am extremely grateful for the continuing help and support from both the district councils, the Community Safety Partnership and all those volunteers who support us through the Special Constabulary, Neighbourhood Watch and the Neighbourhood Action Groups."

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Ketamine may help treat depression

ACCORDING to researchers in Oxford, ketamine is a "promising" new treatment for depression.

In the first UK study of the use of the class B drug, patients with severe depression, who have not responded to other treatments, have had symptoms disappear after taking a low dose of the drug.

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Although many patients relapsed within a day, 29 per cent benefited for at least three weeks while 15 per cent took over two months to relapse.

The study was carried out in an NHS clinic by researchers at Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust and Oxford University.

Principal investigator Dr Rupert McShane said: "Ketamine is a promising new antidepressant which works in a different way to existing antidepressants.

"We wanted to see whether it would be safe if given repeatedly, and whether it would be practical in an NHS setting.

"We especially wanted to check that repeated infusions didn't cause cognitive problems."

Researchers say the drug did not cause any cognitive or bladder side effects but some patients did suffer anxiety and sickness.

Over 400 infusions have been given to 45 patients, with all findings published in the Journal of Psychopharmacology.

Dr McShane added: "We've seen remarkable changes in people who have had severe depression for many years that no other treatment has touched.

"It's very moving to witness.

"Patients often comment that the flow of their thinking seems suddenly freer.

"For some, even a brief experience of response helps them to realise that they can get better and this gives hope."

Jane's journey for Playhouse

AN OXFORD Playhouse employee is set to walk 1,187 miles from Land's End to John O'Groats to raise funds for the theatre's work with communities and children.

Jane Hornsby aims to raise £20,000 from the trek, which she is scheduled to begin on May 3.

She will walk solo for two months without taking a day off and is travelling through the British countryside the entire way without passing through any major towns or cities.

"I rather like walking but this is something else and preparing for it has been anything but peaceful!" said Jane.

"Sorting out the route, the accommodation, thinking about food, carrying enough water, boots falling to bits – the list of things to consider is endless.

"So why would I want to do it? I see the benefits drama brings to people, be it through laughter, tears or just a very good story.

"Oxford Playhouse takes theatre out to audiences with its Playhouse Plays Out tent, which is a wonderful initiative but it needs to be paid for and that's why I am doing the walk."

Jane hopes to finish her journey on July 3. To sponsor her, go to https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/oxfordplayhouse-janeswalk.

• *Jane Hornsby hopes to raise £20,000 from the walk*

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Team appeal

A CHARITY football tournament, that raises funds for the Children's Hospital, is looking for more teams to enter this summer's event.

Play2Give, which raised just under £5,000 at last year's tournament, would like more under 9 boys teams to take part this year.

The tournament takes place on July 13 at Oxford City FC and is also open to under 10s.

Any teams in the under 9 and under 10 age brackets, that wish to enter, should contact Andrew Baker via play2give@hotmail.com.

Bicester fire

A FIRE that broke out in Bicester earlier this month was found to have been caused by a faulty washing machine.

Three fire engines were called to a house in Goldfinch Close on April 1 at 7.50am. All of the occupants had safely evacuated the property.

Watch manager Lewis said: "This incident shows the importance of having working smoke alarms on each floor of your property and to test them weekly."

Business club

A NEW club for businesswomen in Oxford is being launched next month, with meetings taking place at Magdalen Centre at The Oxford Science Park.

Enterprising Women claims to be the UK's largest national community for female entrepreneurs, and offers support and training to those who join.

Club host Francesca Lee said: "Women generally operate differently and our Enterprising Women's business club in Oxford understands this very well."

'Justice has been served'

AN OXFORD man was jailed for three years and eight months last week for a burglary and car theft in the city that took place last July.

Justin Bourton, 35, of Dashwood Road, pleaded guilty to the charges, which relate to a house he burgled on Courtland Road, where he also stole a BMW from outside the property.

He was sentenced to 44 months in prison for the burglary and 12 months for the theft of the BMW, to run concurrently with each other.

Following his guilty plea, Bourton admitted a further nine offences relating to three dwelling burglaries, five non-dwelling burglaries and one count of criminal damage.

Investigating officer PC George Atkinson said: "These offences formed part of a crime series in the Rose Hill and Iffley area of Oxford in the summer of 2013 and the sentence will now protect the public from his offending.

"In terms of the prison sentence, justice has been served and the victims can now move on with their lives.

"It has been a lengthy investigation which started with us sharing the initial crime report and some pictures from the crime scene in our 24-hour burglary tweetathon last July."

Firm considers housing for power station land

A SECTION of the former Didcot A Power Station site may be used for businesses or as a residential area.

Clowes Developments (UK) Ltd has signed a deal with RWE npower to purchase 47 hectares of land, equivalent to 116 acres.

The value of the deal is confidential, but the development group say the land has the potential to be redeveloped for a mixture of uses, including commercial and residential.

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Chairman of Clowes Developments (UK) Ltd, Charles Clowes, is pleased to have agreed the deal with RWE npower.

"I am delighted that we have been able to agree this land deal," he said.

"It will see the derelict site being transformed to bring new jobs and housing to the area.

"I look forward to working closely with our development partners, Graftongate, to make best use of this prime site."

Steve Boughton, head of development for RWE npower, added: "We are pleased to have reached agreement on the sale of part of the Didcot A site to Clowes Developments.

"This disposal provides a fantastic opportunity to redevelop a substantial previously developed site close to the centre of Didcot.

"We wish Clowes every success and look forward to working together as neighbouring land owners."

RWE npower will retain what is left of the Didcot A site, while Didcot B will be unaffected by the deal and will remain operational.

Didcot A closed 12 months ago after 42 years of service.

The three southern cooling towers are expected to be demolished in June, but no precise date has been set.

Demolition work on the site began at the end of last month.

Children get creative in new Wantage art exhibition

YOUNG artists in Wantage have seen their paintings of local landmarks go on display, as part of a new initiative to encourage art in the town.

Organised by the Wantage town team, 10 paintings by children aged two to four have gone on display in the Victoria Cross Gallery.

The project was coordinated by creative designer Natalie Bright of Art Haus Club, who runs Smarti Minis art classes for children in the town.

She said: "We had great fun experimenting with lots of different mark-making materials, chalk, pens, scrapers, rollers and paint.

"The little ones produced artwork with lots of sticking and gluing to create an abstract college representation of Wantage and Grove landmarks.

"Hopefully they'll inspire some creativity and activity by encouraging others to check out the local places to visit and see."

Two-year-old Anya Bell said: "I love painting and using glue," while two-year-old Anabelle Bright added: "Making lots of mess is fun, we get to splash the paint with the brushes and our hands."

• *(From left to right) Wantage Mayor Fiona Roper, budding artist Anabelle Bright, Natalie Bright and Donna Brown with the paintings*

Flashop set to move to new home

WANTAGE'S successful Flashop pop-up shop initiative has been relaunched in the town.

An agreement in principle has been reached between Wantage's town team and the landlords of the former Nonoy's Oriental Store in the Arbery Arcade.

The Flashop pop-up shop will reside there for three months, and mayor Fiona Roper welcomes its return.

She said: "The Flashop initiative has been a real success story and it's great to see it extended into new premises.

"Wantage is bucking the trend compared with other market towns, with new independent shops opening.

"I'm pleased that the council's support of these initiatives is paying off."

The previous Flashop was based on Mill Street, with Soaps 'n' Soaks and Occasions and Cotswold Kids and Valentina's ShoeBox now residing in the units.

Businesses who are interested in hiring the new space in the Arbery Arcade should contact the town team's commercial agent Neil Wild via neil@wild-property.co.uk.

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'What do we want in 2020?'

• How a Cowley branch line could look (Picture courtesy of Oxfordshire County Council)

By Jack Johnson
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COUNTY council leader Ian Hudspeth has announced his visions for the future, with a monorail around the city among them.

He outlined his ambitions at the 'Connecting Oxfordshire' launch last week, which looked beyond the already planned £800m of transport investment by 2031.

Cllr Hudspeth looked to another wave of innovation.

The pedestrianisation of George Street, turning St Giles into a boulevard, as well as connecting key sites, such as London Oxford Airport and MINI Plant Oxford with the city, were among them.

Planned transport improvements that should already be in place by 2020 are the upgrading of Oxford and Didcot Parkway train stations, electrification of the main Oxfordshire rail network, improving the Milton Interchange and link roads to Science Vale.

Making The Plain roundabout, Oxford, safer for cyclists, improving Frideswide Square and a new Bicester Park and Ride are also on the list.

Cllr Hudspeth says, with 80,000 new jobs and 106,000 homes predicted by 2031, a debate on Oxfordshire's future is worth having.

"If we don't start having this debate we will never actually get anywhere," he said.

"What I really want to have is this vision for the future.

"What do we want in 2020?

"Do we want to remain as we are or do we look forward, realising the growth potential of Oxfordshire?

"Remaining as we are, it's not really an option, as far as I'm concerned, so we need to have a debate."

Cllr Hudspeth added: "There are exciting times ahead.

"Towns across Oxfordshire are going to increase in size.

"We are also seeing the technology and knowledge industry Science Vale Oxford really take off and the county council needs to lead the way in developing the supporting infrastructure.

"We can't rule out ideas that might seem fanciful, such as creating a passenger service on the Cowley branch line, a mass transit system into Oxford."

However, Hugh Jaeger, spokesman for the Thames Valley branch of Railfuture and the Oxford branch of Bus Users UK, believes these visions should have been integrated earlier.

"Cllr Hudspeth's vision seems to have distinct periods in it," said Mr Jaeger.

"Period one is big development and period two is transit, but it is less certain.

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Town fayre

DIDCOT Town Fayre is back for a second year this summer, taking place on Saturday, July 19, in Edmonds Park.

An afternoon of fun for all the family, local clubs and groups will give demonstrations.

There will also be a dog show, barbecue, falconry display, beer and tea tent, as well as a pig roast.

There will also be a baking competition and a produce show.

Starting at 12noon, Didcot Town Council is hoping to take the fayre into the early evening with live music from local bands.

For more information or to take part in the fayre, contact Karen Dodd or Sue Atkins on 01235 812637.

Blaze breaks out at F1 base

SEVEN people were taken to hospital with smoke inhalation after a fire at Caterham F1's base at Leafield Technical Centre.

Firefighters were called to the scene at 10.45pm on April 2 and, upon arrival, were faced with heavy smoke.

The fire, which appears to have been accidental, was confined to a milling machine and brought under control.

Oxford cruise to emphatic victory

By Adam Flinn
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A CONTROVERSIAL 2014 BNY Mellon Boat Race ended in a clear victory for Oxford, as they beat Cambridge by 32 seconds last Sunday.

But the race will be remembered for a clash between the crews just over five minutes into the race, as the oars of Oxford's Sam O'Connor and Cambridge's Luke Juckett connected.

Juckett was unseated as a result of the clash, and the momentum that Cambridge lost through the incident put them too far back to challenge for the remainder of the race.

Cox Ian Middleton made a protest at the end of the race, but was told by stewards that it was Cambridge who were out of position, and therefore deemed to be at fault.

Stewards ruled that while Oxford had been warned about getting too close to Cambridge, they had moved over and Cambridge had moved with them.

Oxford president Malcolm Howard said about the clash: "I don't think it affected the outcome.

• *The Oxford crew celebrate last Sunday's win over Cambridge (Picture by Getty Images)*

"We were moving really well, we'd withstood their big push early on and had started to take seats.

"We were moving on them and would have kept moving."

Coach Sean Bowden added: "We can look back on this year with a lot of pride. I felt this year we could achieve really high standards.

"The clash is one of those things that can happen. Cambridge put a lot of pressure on early on but we were moving away.

"Steering is always competitive and this is one of the things that can happen when you take risks."

Sunday's result means that Oxford are now just three wins behind Cambridge in the all-time standings, with the scores at 81-78.

Earlier that day, Oxford's reserve crew Isis were also victorious, finishing 37 seconds ahead of Goldie in the 50th running of their race.

Leys pool is making good progress, say city council

OXFORD City Council say Blackbird Leys' new pool is on track to be completed by the end of the year.

The project, said to cost a total of £9.23million, is making good progress as residents can now see the steel frame of the building above the hoardings around the site.

A new group exercise studio and meeting room has already opened and new rooms to house the crèche and a brand new soft play area have also been completed.

Building work on a new sports pavilion adjoining the centre is also underway.

Cllr Mike Rowley, board member for Leisure Services, said: "I am delighted to see the steel frames being fitted.

"We have completed stage one of the redevelopment of the leisure centre and I look forward to the next stage being completed.

"Many thanks to users and residents for bearing with us while the work is being done."

David Hunt, general manager of the Centre, added that he was "thrilled to see the new centre taking shape".

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Solar panels to be installed at Oxon schools

TWENTY primary and secondary schools in Oxfordshire have signed up to have solar panels installed over the summer, as part of a Low Carbon Hub scheme to reduce emissions across the county.

It is hoped the combined use of the panels will generate enough power to run 250 homes, saving 400 tonnes of CO_2 annually.

Low Carbon Hub raises the finances for the scheme through a community share offer, as well as covering installation costs.

As a result, the schools get discounted green electricity, local investors get a fair return and the Hub receives income to help support other community energy projects.

It will also be used to help educate children on climate change and the benefits of renewable energy.

Barbara Hammond, CEO of Low Carbon Hub, said: "The scheme has proved to be very popular with schools as they don't need to raise the finance to install solar PV.

"It also provides the schools with clean, green electricity and is a great educational tool."

Cllr John Tanner of Oxford City Council said: "I'm thrilled that the Low Carbon Hub are once again partnering with local organisations to get more clean renewable energy generated in our city.

"Schools are a great place to start when changing behaviour towards saving energy, and it's great to see our local schools playing such a key part in the community."

Oxfordshire County Councillor David Nimmo Smith added: "This is really good news for the county's schools and our young people.

"Renewable energy really is very much a thing of the present as well as the future, and so I am delighted to see the county's young people and their schools receiving this kind of support.

"I know that many schools have been keen to revolutionise their energy supplies by installing the latest technology, and with the support of other schools and the Low Carbon Hub, their dreams are becoming reality."

By **Adam Flinn**
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Mayor's Column

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Still waiting for new sculpture

THOSE visiting our town centre probably can't help noticing the fenced off hole in the Orchard Centre which appeared weeks ago. A sculpture will be installed at some time but it is a shame that the works could not have been coordinated together to reduce the visual distress of the town centre – I'm sure there were good reasons for this and the resulting installation will be an asset to the Centre's ambience.

Following comments made in social media, I would like to say that this project was not funded by the town council but, as stated on the SODC website, "mainly from the original Orchard Centre development contributions by Taylor Woodrow, the Didcot Growth Fund and Hammerson, the current leaseholder of the Orchard Centre".

Whilst on the theme of the Orchard Centre, I would like to raise awareness of last Sunday's seed swap event. It followed on from the success of Vegcyle's vegetable exchange last autumn, and it will provide an opportunity for gardeners and allotment holders to swap their seeds to extend the range of vegetables grown.

The Great Western Park development is growing, increasing the much needed housing and facilities that the town requires. One element of the pre-building phase was the work carried out by archaeologists which uncovered Roman and pre Roman settlements.

I understand that the materials and evidence of earlier settlements were of a very high standard and it is likely such finds will extend into the proposed Valley Park development when that proceeds. To preserve some of the areas of outstanding archaeology merit and enhance the surrounds in both developments, an archaeology trail has been proposed.

At present, proposals for new infrastructure has been put forward and public consultations are ongoing on the proposed developments and new roads in the Vale area.

My aspiration would be to include cycle paths within the new road proposals such that a network of cycle paths could be built up in Vale and SODC areas linking up the science parks and towns. Safe cycling routes are an asset to the area and provide added benefit to residents, particularly taking account of the expected growth of the population in the county.

Benson restaurant staff threatened during robbery

A MASKED man threatened staff at McDonald's in Benson before taking money from the safe and fleeing the scene.

The incident happened during the early hours of April 1.

Police officers were called to the restaurant on Oxford Road shortly before 12.30am after reports a man had brandished a bat at staff and demanded money.

The offender forced all staff members into the back office, where the money was, before leaving with the cash.

Police say the man is 6ft and was wearing dark coloured clothing and had his face covered.

PC Jon Morley said: "I am keen to speak to anyone who may have been travelling through this area and seen something, or anyone that has any information about this incident."

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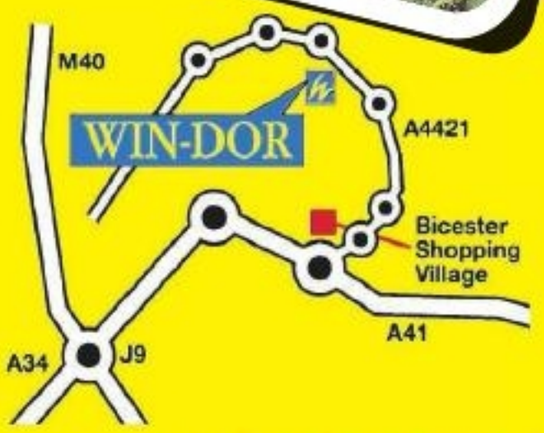

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Council unveil new fitness trail in Cowley

A FITNESS trail and sports pavilion in Cowley Marsh Park was officially opened last Saturday.

Residents and park users were invited to have a look around the pavilion and try out the new fitness trail, which has seen Oxford City Council spend around £160,000 on the improvements.

The pavilion has been reconfigured to meet child protection guidance, and has benefited from a new electrical system, showers and windows to enhance the facility.

Cllr Mark Lygo, board member for parks, sport and events, opened the new facilities last weekend.

He said: "The work we have made to this popular park shows our commitment to improving the standard of sporting provision across the city.

"The pavilion is now able to cater for four football teams of all ages, and will also be available to hire for parties and community events.

"The fitness trail has multiple exercise stations located at intervals through the park, so that you can run on grass or paths from station to station to exercise.

"Each station has signs showing you how to use the equipment, and the distance markers along the route will help you measure your run."

Exiles sign deal to remain in Oxford

By **Jack Johnson**
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LONDON Welsh will continue to groundshare with Oxford United at the Kassam Stadium after the rugby club signed a new contract.

The Exiles have agreed a new three-year deal and say the news confirms its commitment to play top flight professional rugby in Oxfordshire.

Back in February, chairman Bleddyn Phillips said moving to the Witney Community Stadium was one of "a number of options" after the club received planning permission for the site.

However, last Friday's announcement confirms the move will not go ahead.

As the Exiles bid for promotion back to the Aviva Premiership, Mr Phillips is delighted the deal has been agreed.

"The Kassam Stadium is an excellent facility with a great pitch and very popular with the club's players," he said.

"We are delighted to be in a position to be able to confirm the club's commitment to Oxfordshire with the signing of this agreement.

• *The Kassam Stadium and (inset) Bleddyn Phillips*

"With the team having secured its place in the Championship semi-finals, these are exciting times for both the club, and for Oxfordshire generally, in the realm of rugby.

"The club is committed to establishing itself as a Premiership club and this is a very important step in that direction."

Speaking to the Guardian back in February, Mr Phillips said attendances throughout this year's Greene King IPA Championship campaign had been "disappointing".

Mr Phillips added: "We are looking forward to building up and deepening local support in Oxfordshire."

Meanwhile, the Exiles will continue to "work and train" at Old Deer Park.

Michael Doyle, general manager of The Kassam Stadium, said: "To have both top-flight professional football and rugby playing week-in week-out is great news, and therefore we are delighted that London Welsh has chosen The Kassam and Oxford to be its home."

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Pool is back

HINKSEY'S heated outdoor pool is set to reopen next month.

It will open at 7am on May 2, and to celebrate the start of the summer season, the pool will host an Open Day on May 3.

Entry to the pool is free after 2pm.

Table tennis

OXFORD has been chosen for the second time as the host city for a festival of free table tennis.

Ping! attracted around 21,000 people of all ages to Oxford last year, and now the city council has been awarded funding to build on 2013.

The council is now looking for potential venues to register their interest in hosting a table between mid-July and September.

Better seats

BRAND new seats, paid for by the community, have been installed at The Ultimate Picture Palace on Cowley Road.

The cinema ran a "Some Like it Soft" campaign last year, helping to raise £9,431 towards the total cost of £30,000.

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Disruption

RAIL passengers in Oxford are being urged to check journey times and routes prior to departure, due to engineering works taking place over the Easter weekend.

A revised timetable will be operating between April 18 and 21, with services between Oxford and London Paddington seeing two fast trains an hour, reduced to one on the Sunday.

James Adeshiyan of First Great Western said: "These are vital infrastructure works to achieve greater capacity and flexibility for future Crossrail and Great Western services.

"We have worked closely with our colleagues at Network Rail to keep disruption to a minimum."

Crossrail is the new £16billion railway scheme being developed in the south.

Charity meal

OVER £3,000 was raised at the Lord Mayor of Oxford's charity civic dinner on March 28.

Cllr Dee Sinclair's evening raised money for her two chosen charities, Maggie's Oxford and Crisis Skylight Oxford.

"It was a fantastic evening and I am delighted with the amount we raised," she said.

Safety a 'priority' for May Morning

MAGDALEN Bridge will be open to the public for this year's May Morning celebrations, but revelers have been reminded that their safety is the key priority.

With the support of Thames Valley Police, Oxford City Council has chosen to open the bridge for a fourth year in a row.

The bridge was closed on May Day morning between 2005 and 2011 after 40 people were injured jumping into the river 10 years ago.

It will be open to pedestrians and closed to traffic from 3am-9am, enabling everyone to enjoy the celebrations.

Cllr Bob Price, leader of Oxford City Council, said: "We have opened up the city for the last couple of years and people have respected this decision.

"I hope that you can all continue to enjoy May Morning in the safe and enjoyable environment that we have provided.

"It is always dangerous to enter the river, regardless of the water levels, and you are often unaware of the currents, the river levels or what lies on the river bed."

Supt Christian Bunt, Oxford LPA Commander, added: "Thames Valley Police will continue to work closely with our partners to ensure that the public attending this year's May Morning celebrations are in a safe environment to do so.

"This is the fourth year the decision has been taken by the council to open Magdalen Bridge to the public for the celebrations, and this will again happen this year with our support.

"We would like as many people as possible to enjoy the May Morning celebrations safely and we will be doing all we can to ensure minimal disruption to local residents in the area."

Aubrey Bell, South Central Ambulance Service's area manager for Oxfordshire, said safety is "paramount".

He continued: "We would encourage people attending events throughout the day to drink responsibly so that ambulance resources remain available to respond to patients who genuinely need them."

Celebrations will start at 6am, with the choristers of Magdalen College choir singing from the Great Tower.

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• *Revelers enjoy last year's May Morning celebrations (Picture by James Booker)*

Council hope to see Oxford blooming!

GREEN-FINGERED residents in the city are being invited to take part in this year's Oxford in Bloom competition, with prizes of up to £100 on offer.

It is free to enter and open to anyone who lives or works in the city, with gardens, balconies or planters eligible for submission.

Categories include best kept gardens, beautiful containers, balconies or commercial, and community displays, as well as junior Oxford in Bloom and gardening for the disabled.

Cllr Mark Lygo, board member for parks, sports and events, said: "This is a great opportunity for everyone to get involved, watch our communities spring into flower and provide a colourful backdrop to our everyday lives."

Karen Roberts, chair of the Oxford in Bloom committee, added: "The competition has been going for many years and is an important part of Oxford life for the many residents that enter year after year.

"I hope that this year we will have the support of the regular entrants and that new residents will feel inspired to enter as well."

The closing date for entries from schools and nurseries is June 29, with a date of July 6 for all other categories.

For an application form, go to www.oxford.gov.uk/oxfordinbloom.

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Communities urged to grasp new opportunity

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West Oxfordshire District Council is giving every town and parish council the chance to receive up to £900 towards an Automated External Defibrillator (AED).

The money would account to around 50 per cent of the total cost.

Town and parish councils have until April 30 to apply for funding towards an AED and storage box, which normally costs £1,800.

WODC's scheme follows a generous donation from an anonymous donor, who has given enough funding to pay for devices to be fitted in 24 of the district's towns and parishes.

Cllr Mark Booty, cabinet member for Health, said: "There has been an awful lot of interest in this scheme and we are extremely pleased to now be in the position to get the ball rolling on it.

"I would urge towns and parishes to grasp this opportunity.

"These devices can mean the difference between life or death, particularly in rural areas like ours that are affected by ambulance and emergency response times.

"If every community takes up this offer of an AED, along with those so generously donated, we believe West Oxfordshire will have the highest level of defibrillator coverage in the country, making it one of the safest rural communities to live if you suffer cardiac arrest."

AEDs from the anonymous donor have already been installed in Bampton, Carterton, Cassington, Chadlington, Combe, Finstock, Enstone, Shipton-under-Wychwood, Stonesfield and Witney.

Dick Tracey, divisional responder manager for South Central Ambulance Service, welcomed the scheme.

"For every minute that passes where there's no active treatment, the chances of a successful resuscitation reduces by 10 per cent," he said.

"Having these machines, particularly in the villages, will significantly increase chances of survival."

By **Jack Johnson**
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Humble Suzy scoops national golfing prize

A MEMBER of Henley Golf Club has received national recognition for her contribution to the sport.

Suzy Smith was presented with the 2014 England Golf Women's Lifetime Achievement Award for services to the sport last week.

It marks her contribution to junior golf within Oxfordshire and its surrounding counties, organising free sessions to give 1,200 local school children a taste of the sport over the last two years.

"It's a huge honour to win this award and I feel very humbled," said Suzy, who has been on the club's junior committee for 11 years.

"There are so many people who do so much more than me and are so hardworking and dedicated.

"To be representing them is a huge honour."

Henley's PGA professional Mark Howell added: "Henley Golf Club would not be the same if it wasn't for Suzy's enthusiasm and all the time she gives up to organise golf in the area."

• *Suzy Smith receives her volunteer award from Bill Bryce, chairman of the England Golf Partnership (Picture courtesy of Leaderboard Photography)*

Centre plans turned down

CHERWELL District Council has turned down a planning application to alter Yarnton garden centre and build 14 new homes.

The application was for outline planning permission for a site east of the A44.

It includes alterations to the existing garden centre building and the construction of homes on a site situated in the Oxford Green Belt.

Cllr Michael Gibbard, lead member for planning, said the application harmed the green belt's most "important attributes".

"Although a previously developed site, this would have had a greater impact on the openness of the Green Belt than the existing development and harmed its most important attributes - openness and permanence," he said.

It was also noted that there was an absence of a satisfactory S106 agreement on providing the necessary infrastructure needed to service the proposed development.

The application attracted objections relating to the intrusion into the green belt and an absence of walking and cycling provision.

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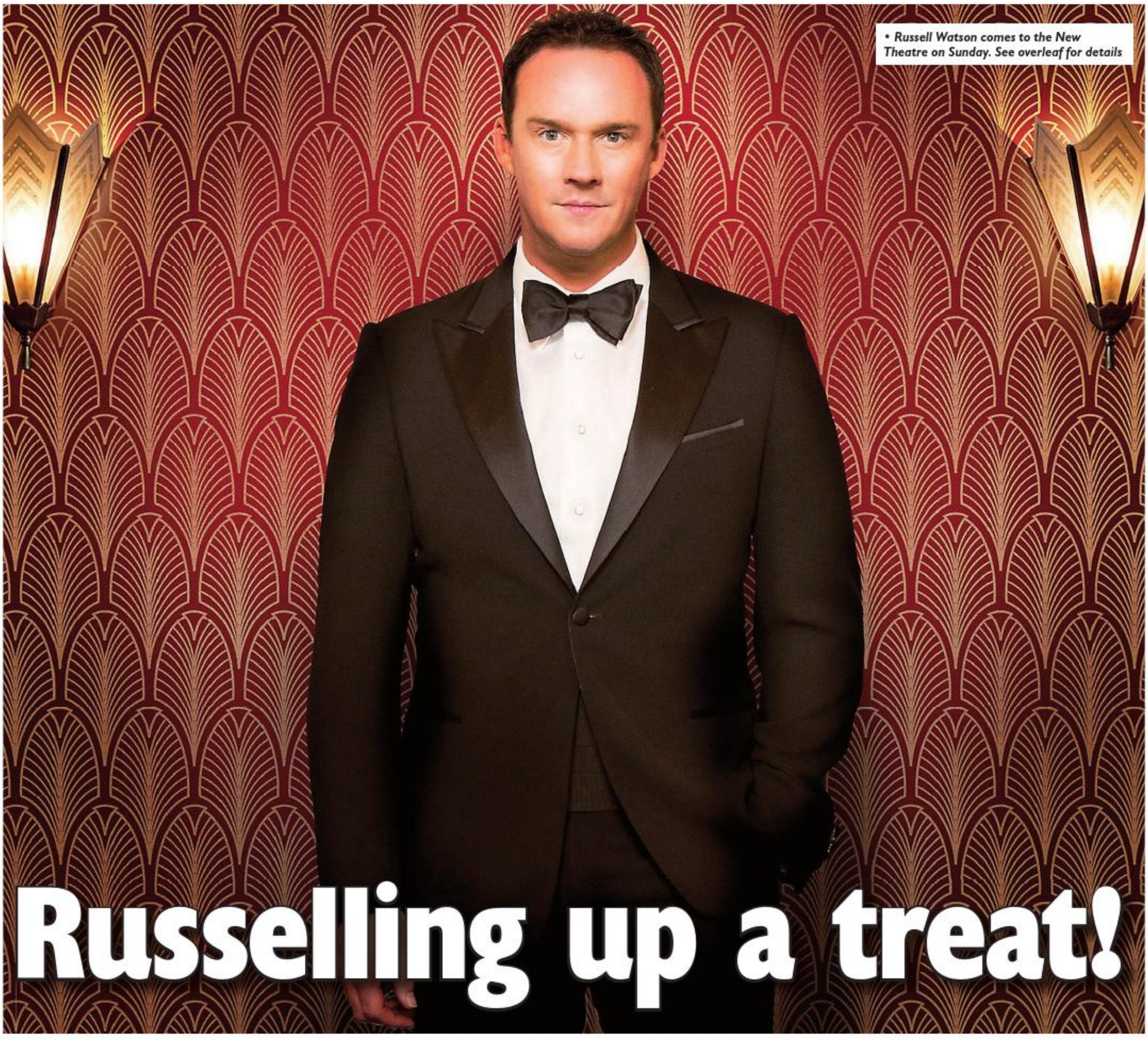

• *Russell Watson comes to the New Theatre on Sunday. See overleaf for details*

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Achieving the dream

OPERATIC and pop singer Russell Watson comes to Oxford's New Theatre this weekend, following on from the release of his latest album 'Only One Man'.

By **Adam Flinn**
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Known as the 'English Tenor', Russell will be performing a range of songs from his extensive career, crafted for him by Claude-Michel Schönberg and Alain Boublil of Les Misérables fame.

The new album was released last November, following on from the seven million records Russell has sold in his illustrious career.

"I've been dreaming of making a record like this for 13 years," he said. "These songs mark my birth as a creative artist, and I'm baring my soul through the music.

"My manager Philippe plans to spin this out all over the world. I've had success in Japan already and there's huge potential across China and the rest of Asia.

"Claude-Michel even has penned several new songs specifically for the live show.

"One song he wants to write is almost like a dream. It's a singer when he's 80-years-old reflecting back on the songs he used to sing – his body of work, the songs which made him famous."

Regine Velasquez, one of the most popular singers in Asia, joined Russell in a duet on the new album.

"She's from the Philippines and she's the number one diva of that part of the world," added Russell.

"She's like the Asian Celine Dion, and she's up for Female Artist of the Year at the World Music Awards.

"It's a love balled called 'Live With Somebody You Love', it's beautifully constructed and crafted. The two voices blend really well, and she had a Streisand-esque quality."

The show takes place on Sunday at 7pm. For more information, call 0844 871 3020 or go to www.newtheatreoxford.org.uk.

Jazz and swing

OXFORD'S own Susanne Hodgson leads a quartet of renowned musicians for an evening of jazz, swing and haunting ballads at the Old Fire Station on Saturday.

Susanne is joined by Malcolm Edmonstone on piano, drummer Dave Ohm and Mark Hodgson on bass for Saturday's show.

Doors open at 7.30pm, and more details can be found at www.oldfirestation.org.uk.

Matt Cardle

FORMER X-Factor winner Matt Cardle comes to Oxford's O2 Academy on Sunday, following the release of his debut album 'Porcelain' last autumn.

Matt has two million record sales under his belt already, and 'Porcelain' is his first album to be released internationally and with major label backing.

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Paying tribute

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Road trippin'

CHRIS Dobrowolski's thought-provoking show All Roads Lead to Rome is at the Burton Taylor Studio this evening, as he speaks about a quintessentially English road trip.

He investigates the family history and consumerism that brings together a road trip, and how he restored his family's Triumph Herald Estate to drive from Braintree to Rome.

Go to www.oxfordplayhouse.com for more information.

Lee Evans

ONE of the biggest names in comedy, Lee Evans, comes to Didcot's Cornerstone tomorrow night as he prepares for his forthcoming 'Monsters' arena tour.

Lee will be trying out new material for a 'Work in Progress' show, before his full tour takes him to venues across the country.

The show starts at 8pm.

Queen tribute

GA GA bring their Ultimate Tribute to Queen show to Banbury's Mill Arts Centre on Saturday, featuring the renowned and popular music of the legendary group.

The group will perform classic songs including 'Bohemian Rhapsody' and 'We Will Rock You'.

The show starts at 8pm.

Ready for Deaf Havana?

ALTERNATIVE rock band Deaf Havana come to Oxford's O2 Academy on Sunday, following on from the release of their latest album 'Old Souls' last year.

The band are touring the UK throughout April, and return to Oxford having made previous visits to the O2 and the former Regal nightclub.

And it comes after the band released their new single 'Mildred' in February, the first song that saw brothers James and Matt Veck-Gilodi share vocal duties.

By **Adam Flinn**
adam@taylornewspapers.co.uk

"We've had a pretty good reaction to the album," said James. "It's a bit of a diversion from what we were doing before.

"A couple of people didn't like it but it's been mainly great responses, and better than I expected to be honest.

"It's a bit more like classic rock, more like Springsteen for instance, and a bit more older-sounding than the previous stuff.

"I enjoy changing each album really, I get bored quite easily!"

Prior to this tour, Deaf Havana had been supporting acts including Bruce Springsteen and Muse, something that James said he enjoyed, but was happy to be back headlining again.

He added: "It's nice to be playing headline shows again, having done loads of support recently.

"I didn't think headlining was what I preferred, but having played the last few shows, it is really nice to be playing to our crowd again.

"We get to play more material, and it just reminded me why I was in the band. We've been touring so much and we're pretty run down, but these shows have really picked us up again."

Deaf Havana are accompanied by The Maine and The People The Poet for Sunday's show, with doors open at 7pm.

• *Deaf Havana return to Oxford this weekend*

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Dance delight at Playhouse

A DOUBLE bill from choreographer Michael Keegan-Dolan comes to the Oxford Playhouse on Tuesday and Wednesday, with The Rite of Spring and Petrushka.

The Rite of Spring explores dark, elemental forces in scenes of a pagan fertility rite, while Petrushka is bright and light, using elements of traditional folk dances.

Shows on both days start at 7.30pm, and tickets can be booked through www.oxfordplayhouse.com.

Alternatively, call the box office on 01865 305305.

Celebrating Neil Diamond

SINGER and guitarist Bob Drury celebrates the career of Neil Diamond by performing iconic songs from his 50 years in showbusiness, with a performance at Henley's Kenton Theatre on Wednesday.

Songs such as 'Sweet Caroline', 'Love on the Rock' and 'America' will feature in Bob's one-man show, having performed as Neil for numerous years.

Go to www.kentontheatre.co.uk for further details or call the box office on 01491 575698.

'A Cut Above' the rest

DESCRIBED as one of the world's best harmonica players, Will Pound comes to the North Wall Arts Centre with his band on Saturday evening.

Will has previously been associated with banjo player Dan Walsh, but released his first solo album last year to critical acclaim, and featuring a number of guest musicians in the tracks.

And yet Will's love of the harmonica may not have come about, had it not been for the open-heart surgery he endured as a 10-year old.

"I had heart surgery when I was younger, and my dad gave me a harmonica just to help with my breathing basically," Will said.

"So I started playing it and really enjoyed it and I carried on playing. It did help my breathing as well, which was good."

Will is performing at the North Wallwith his band, which comprises of guitarist and vocalist Chris Sarjeant, fiddle player Henry Webster, and John Parker on the double bass.

His recent album 'A Cut Above' was largely a solo effort, but it did feature cameos from John and a number of other musicians.

"Every track is led by the harmonica basically," said Will. "And then there's backing from guitars and stuff like that.

"It's one of those things where if you don't like the harmonica, people are not necessarily going to like it! When they think of a harmonica, they usually think of Bob Dylan.

"They don't think of it as an instrument that would be used purely for instrumental music, but actually I've had some great reviews.

"It's all a risk isn't it. When you send something out you never know how people are going to react to it, but it's been mainly good to be honest."

Saturday's show starts at 8pm, and tickets cost £13. For more information, go to www.thenortheall.com or phone 01865 319450.

• *(from left) Chris Sarjeant, John Parker, Will Pound and Henry Webster come to Oxford this weekend*

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www.waterperrygardens.co.uk 01844 339226

11 Apr, 8pm
Wallingford Town Hall
TALK: THE ROMAN ARMY FACT AND FICTION
"by Dr John Smith an archaeologist who has studied the Roman Army for over 20 years and excavated and worked at Rockbourne and Bignor Roman Villas. This is a living history presentation, reviewing the historical and archaeological evidence for the Roman Army, in the Empire and South-West England. John will present Roman equipment and artefacts (some from the Camerton Hoard) and discuss their practicality, construction and uses, and debunk some popular and media portrayals of the Roman Army.

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13 Apr, 3pm
Henley Town Hall
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15 Apr - 16 Apr
Oxford Playhouse
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www.oxfordplayhouse.com

16 Apr
Art Bar, Oxford
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22 Apr, 7:30pm
Burton Taylor Studio, Oxford
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www.oxfordplayhouse.com

22 Apr - 26 Apr
Oxford Playhouse
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23 Apr, 7:30pm
The Mill Arts Centre, Banbury
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26 Apr, 8:20pm - 11pm
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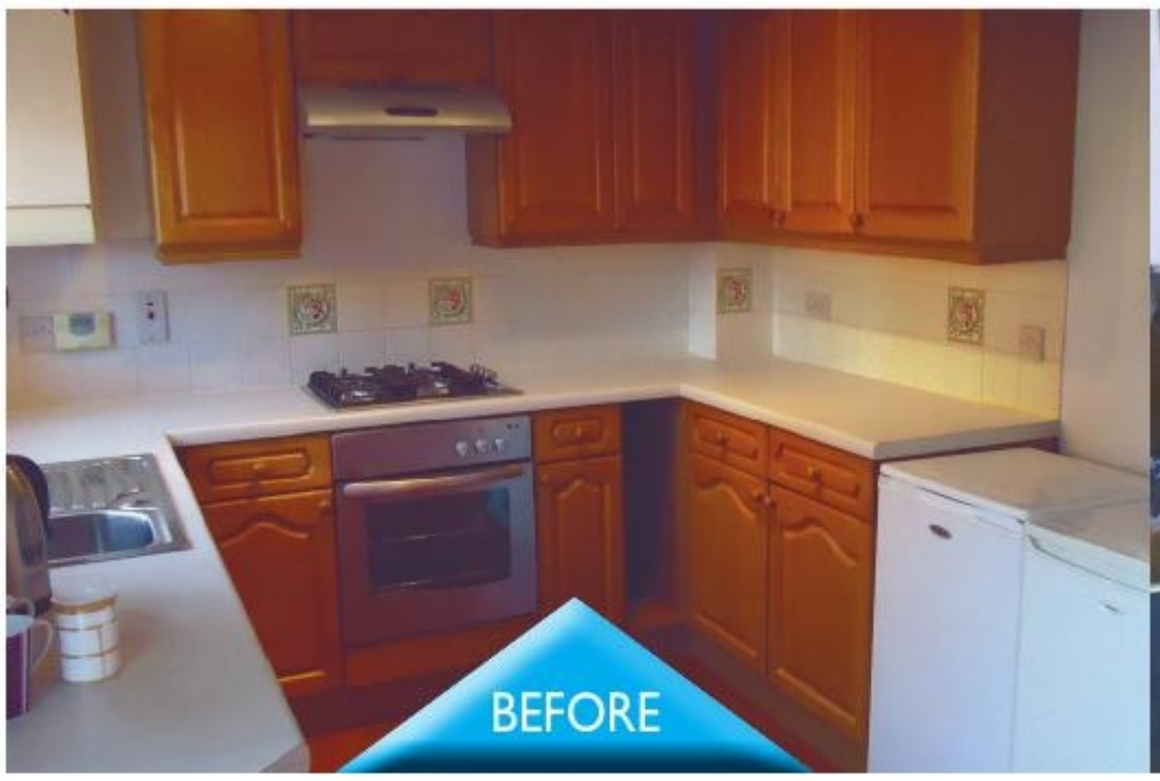

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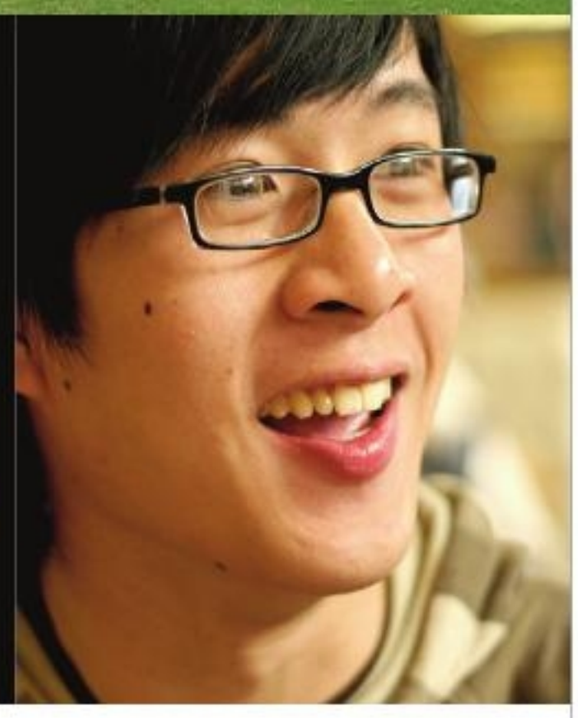

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Fiat's retro rag-top city car gets 'sporty'

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The design is faithful to the rear-engined 1950s original, in that it retains the roof pillars and although not a true convertible, it's hard not to be impressed by this clever compromise.

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REVIEW: Fiat 500S Convertible
By **Philip Shoulder**
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This sportier 'S' trim is denoted by larger 16 inch alloy wheels, satin chrome trim along with the body coloured side skirts and spoiler. Inside there's a skilful blend of retro looks and modern functionality, with a sporty twist thanks to the chunky flat-bottomed steering wheel, red gear knob and embroidered logos on the bolstered sports seats.

Otherwise it's the usual 500 fair: key focal points being the large main dial, incorporating speedometer, rev counter, fuel, and temperature gauges. Heater and stereo controls are positioned high on the dash, within easy reach of the driver.

A good driving position is combined with comfortable supportive seats. Cabin is cosy but not cramped and there's enough headroom for six-footers front and rear. At 185 litres seats up and 520 litres seats down, the boot is well off class best and the aperture is a bit restricted.

Out of all the Fiat 500 engine options (a 68 bhp 1.2 litre and 94 bhp 1.3 litre diesel), this 0.9 litre two-cylinderTwinAir is without doubt the most intriguing. A combination of turbo charging, dedicated valve management and high combustion achieved from Fiat's MultiAir technology, means the diminutive 875cc engine pumps out a healthy 84 bhp at 5500 rpm and 145Nm at 2000rpm, to the tune of a distinctive off-beat thrum, which seems to really suit the car's cheeky character.

It certainly feels brisk, despite the modest performance figures (0-62 mph in 11 seconds and 107 mph top speed). And it has incredibly low CO2 emissions of just 95g/km, along with 70.6 mpg fuel economy (combined cycle), although expect real-world figures to be nearer the 45 mpg mark.

The 500S strikes an appealing balance of sportiness and comfort; bigger wheels, slightly firmer suspension and chunkier steering wheel all add up to make this 500 more engaging on a twisty B-road, but there isn't the crashy brittleness that afflicts the more hardcore Abarth variants.

For such a small car refinement levels are good at lower speeds, although some external noise does seep in through the soft-top. At the flick of a switch (up to speeds of 37mph) the 500S Convertible goes from city car to drop-top, adding another dimension of motoring pleasure, although some practicality and rear vision is lost.

Verdict:

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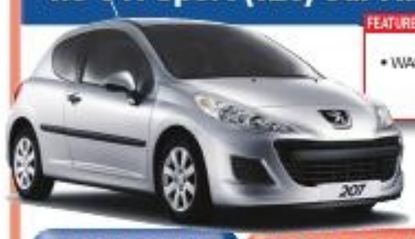

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12 12 FOCUS ZETEC 1.0 ECOBOOST 125PS, 5dr, moondust silver/grey, e/w&m, c/l, DAB r/CD, Blue tooth, HFS, a/c, privacy glass, 17" alloys, rear park, sensors, front fogs, 6 airbags, ABS, ESP, one local owner, FSH, RFL only £20 per year, 9,900 miles..... **£12,295**

13 63 FOCUS 1.0 ECOBOOST 100PS PETROL 5DR, deep impact blue/grey, e/w&m, c/l, DAB radio/CD, Blue tooth, a/c, privacy glass, 17" alloys, rear reversing sensors, HFS, front fogs, ABS, ESP, one local owner, 2 years and 6 months manufacturer's warranty, 4,000 miles..... **£13,295**

08 08 FOCUS ZETEC CLIMATE 1.8 PETROL 5DR, tango red met/grey, e/w&m, c/l, HFS, 5 spd, a/c, alloys, front fogs, 6 airbags, PAS, r/CD, 2 local owners from new, s/history, 57,223 miles ... **£4,995**

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13 13 FOCUS TITANIUM 1.0 ECOBOOST 125PS PETROL ESTATE, e/w&m, c/l, DAB r/CD, Blue tooth & voice control, cruise, auto lights & wipers, rear park sensors, HFS, fogs, 6 airbags, ABS, ESP, 1 local owner from new, £30 road tax/year, 2 years manufacturer's warranty, 9,900 miles ... **£15,995**

09 09 FOCUS 1.6 PETROL TITANIUM AUTO, 5dr, moondust silver/grey, e/w&m, cruise control, auto lights & wipers., c/l, alloys, DAB radio/CD, climate, HFS, 6 airbags, ABS, ESP, 2 owners from new, very low mileage, FSH, 17,000 miles ..... **£7,595 NOW £6,995**

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14 14 KA STUDIO 1.2 PETROL, 3dr, crystal white/grey, 5spd, PAS, r/CD, 2 airbags, delivery miles only 15 miles, RFL £30 per year **£7,995**

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10 10 KA DIGITAL 1.2 PETROL, 3 dr, midnight black & yellow/grey, 5 spd, r/CD, a/c, c/l, HFS, e/w&m, ABS, 2 airbags, 2 owners from new, service history, £30RFL, 30,183 miles..... **£6,595**

11 11 KA EDGE 1.2 PETROL, 3dr, midnight black/grey, 5spd, e/w&m, c/l, r/CD, PAS, 2 airbags, a/c, £30 RFL per year, one owner from new, 31,213 miles..... **£6,295**

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10 60 KA TITANIUM 1.2, petrol, 3dr, moonlight silver met/grey, 5 spd, PAS, r/CD, climate, e/w&m, c/l, HFS, fr fogs, alloys, 2 a/bags, ABS, 2 owners from new, only £30 RFL/year, 34,827 miles ..... **£6,995 NOW £6,595**

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11 60 FIESTA TITANIUM 1.4 PETROL AUTO, morello met/grey, e/w&m, PAS, climate, auto lights & mirrors, auto dimming mirror, HFS, cruise, c/l, ABS, ESP, one owner from new, FSH, low mileage 9,536 miles..... **£9,395**

06 06 FIESTA ZETEC 1.25, 5dr, tonic blue met/grey, e/w&m, a/c, HFS, front fogs, 5spd, r/CD, c/l, priv glass, one local owner from new, FSH, very low mileage 16,500 miles..... **£4,995**

11 60 FIESTA 1.25 PETROL ZETEC 82PS, 5dr, ink blue met/grey, e/w&m, c/l, r/CD, front fogs, 5 airbags, aircon, HFS, alloys, ABS, ESP, one owner from new, FSH, 35,948 miles.... **£8,595 NOW £7,995**

FUSION

11 60 FUSION ZETEC 1.4 PETROL, 5dr, sea grey met/grey, 5 spd, e/w&m, c/l, front fogs, r/CD, 2 airbags, PAS, HFS, alloys, ABS, a/c, rear park sensors, 1 owner, low mileage for year 13,400, FSH **£7,895**

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10 60 MONDEO ZETEC 2.0TDCI 140PS DIESEL 5DR, panther black/grey, 6 spd, e/w&m, c/l, r/CD, climate control, front fogs, alloys, 7 airbags, Blue tooth, cruise control, ESP, ABS, one owner from new service history, very low mileage 11,300 miles **£11,295**

11 11 MONDEO TITAINUM X 2.0 TDCI 163PS DIESEL, 5dr, moondust silver met/grey, 6 spd, e/w&m, c/l, global closing, cruise + climate control, park sensors, ABS, ESP, r/CD, Blue tooth, HFS, front fog lights, auto lights & wipers, FSH, one owner from new, low mileage 27,000 miles.... **£14,595**

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11 11 C MAX TITANIUM 1.6 TDCI 115PS DIESEL, panther black met/grey, e/w&m, c/l, heated windscreen, 6 spd, DAB r/CD, Blue tooth climate, cruise, auto lights & wipers, PAS, City pack, alloys, two owners from new, low mileage 17,795 miles, FSH **£11,995**

11 11 C MAX 2.0 TDCI POWERSHIFT AUTO DIESEL TITANIUM, midnight sky met/grey, e/w&m, c/l, heated windscreen, auto lights & wipers, cruise, DAB r/CD, Blue tooth, climate, power tailgate, 6 airbags, City pack, ESP, ABS, front & rear park sensors, low mileage, 11,134 miles, one owner from new FSH **£12,995**

13 13 B MAX ZETEC 1.0 ECOBOOST PETROL 100PS, 5dr, tectonic silver/grey, e/w&m, a/c, DAB r/CD, Blue tooth hands free, Ford Sync, hill start assist, HFS, front fogs, ABS, ESP, RFL only £30 per year, one owner from new, s/history, 2 years manufacturer's warranty, 16,370 mls.. **£12,595**

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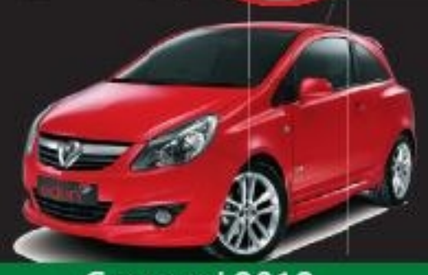

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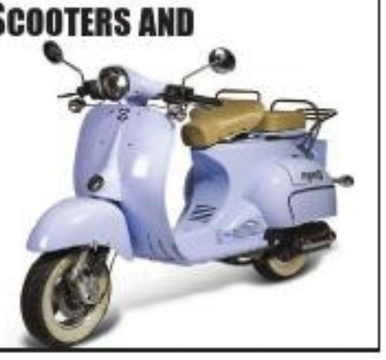

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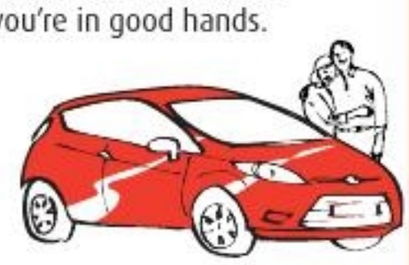

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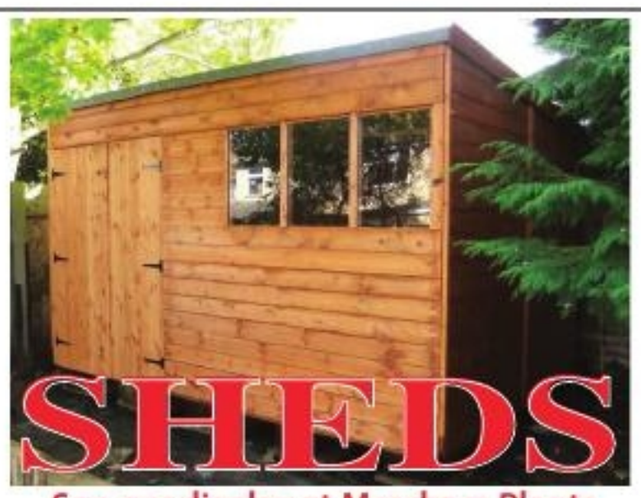

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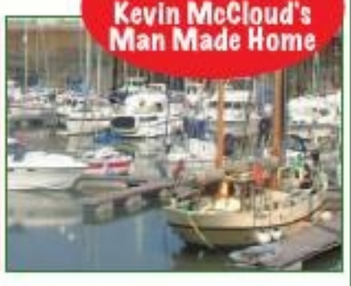

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Waddock urges players to 'work hard' after loss

OXFORD United head coach Gary Waddock is calling on a reaction to falling out of the play-offs, after a 2-0 defeat to Fleetwood Town last Saturday.

It is the first time this season that United have been out of the top seven, while a poor run of form has seen Oxford record only one win in 10.

David Ball and Antoni Sarcevic scored as the Cod Army closed in on the top three, condemning Waddock to a third successive defeat since his appointment.

"It might be a relief for the players," Waddock said of dropping to eighth in the Sky Bet League Two table.

"We will look at it and go 'Wow, now we have to turn up, now we have to stand up and be counted', because the lads have been looking over their shoulder and wondering when or if we can stay in it.

"We are out of it now and have to knuckle down and work hard to get ourselves back into it."

United have gone five games without scoring a goal, and sections of the crowd were unhappy with the selection of Deane Smalley ahead of top marksman James Constable last Saturday.

By **Jack Johnson**
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Smalley was replaced by Constable on 55 minutes, prompting ironic cheers as the striker, who has netted nine goals this season, left the pitch.

"You can't please everybody," said Waddock.

"If the performance isn't very good, supporters are entitled to their opinion but we have to be mentally strong to deal with that.

"If Deano scores the winner he's the hero, so he will take all the plaudits, and we have to accept some times, when things are not going our way, we have to take the other side of it.

"But he's a good player, he works very hard for this football club and we are all right behind him."

Constable, who is only three goals behind the club record of 107, has started one game under Waddock, the 3-0 defeat to Southend on March 24.

Waddock added: "It's a case of he's got to do it on the training ground. I've got to look at the whole group.

"I have to have a look at everybody in training, I have to look at players in games.

"Everyone will get an opportunity but they have to take it when they play, it's as simple as that."

United are set to be without Andy Whing for this Saturday's game at Plymouth Argyle after he was replaced at half-time last week through injury.

• *Gary Waddock looks on as Oxford United are beaten at home by Fleetwood Town last Saturday (Picture by Steve Daniels)*

Stars' coach Elliott hopes for support at this weekend's title decider

OXFORD City Stars player coach Darren Elliott is urging fans to come to their end of season clash with Basingstoke Buffalo on Sunday, where they could be crowned National Ice Hockey League 2 South champions.

Stars won their crucial match with second-placed Slough Jets 4-3 at the weekend, and are now one point ahead of their rivals going into their final match of the season.

And they will be optimistic of winning against Buffalo, who they thrashed 12-1 at home in their first league game of the season.

Elliott said: "It would mean everything to the boys to have a huge Oxford crowd at Basingstoke.

"I want to have so many supporters there that it feels like a home game to the boys, and your support could make the difference if the game is tough.

"It will help spur us on to know that if we win the game, we can lift the league trophy in front of as many of you as possible.

"Thanks again for the amazing support you have given us this season, and I hope to see as many of you as possible in Basingstoke on Sunday."

Turnaround for Ford's men as City move away from the relegation zone

ADAM Learoyd and Tom Winters fired Oxford City to a vital 2-0 win over league leaders AFC Telford in the Skrill North on Tuesday evening.

City, who are on a five-match unbeaten run, are currently 19th in the table, four points above the relegation zone.

Mike Ford's men, who were second from bottom a few weeks ago, have enjoyed a dramatic turnaround in form, taking 11 points from the last five games.

City turn their attentions to the Oxfordshire Senior Cup this evening as they welcome Hellenic Premier Division side Ardley United to Marsh Lane.

The victor will play Kidlington, who knocked out Oxford United on penalties on Tuesday night.

Late goal denies Didcot win

DIDCOT Town's joint boss Ian Concannon admitted Paulton Rovers' last minute equaliser knocked the stuffing out of him last Saturday.

A John Mills brace and a Jack Longford effort saw Diddy lead the play-off hopefuls 3-2 with a minute remaining.

However, Scott Brice's late header rescued a point for Paulton.

"It certainly knocked the stuffing out of me," said Concannon.

"There is a feeling that potentially it is two points dropped but we've got to be pleased."

Diddy are now five matches unbeaten in Division One South & West, and Concannon hopes his side can build on 14th in the table after taking 13 points from the last possible 15.

"We look to try and win every game," he added.

"We have four games to go, four cup finals.

"Can we go and get 12 points because there is still a lot to play for."

• *Luke Carnell and James Foster combine to deny Paulton's Brandon Barnes (Picture by Roger Neal)*

Sport Bites

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ABINGDON golfer Eddie Pepperell suffered a disastrous weekend at the NH Collection Open in Spain, missing the cut by nine shots.

The world number 343 carded an opening round of 79, following that up with a 78 on the second day for 13 over par overall.

Pepperell has now missed the cut in his last four tournaments.

Welsh fixture

LONDON Welsh host Jersey in their penultimate home game of the Greene King IPA Championship season on Saturday.

The Exiles have already qualified for the semi-finals but have three games remaining to build upon second place in the table.

This Saturday will be the last regular league game at the Kassam as their fixture against Nottingham on April 26 clashes with Oxford United's home game against Accrington Stanley.

Brad's back

MONSTER Yamaha Tech3 rider Bradley Smith heads to Austin this weekend for the second round of MotoGP.

The 23-year-old had an impressive opening round at Qatar, qualifying on the front row, before crashing out from fifth place.

Smith will hope to do better at this year's Grand Prix of the Americas in comparison to 12 months ago, when he finished 13th.

Wantage move closer

WANTAGE Town moved to within a point of league leaders Ardley United on Tuesday night as the race for the Hellenic Premier Division title continues to go down to the wire.

Rich Claydon and Karl Roberts (2) were on the scoresheet for the Alfredians as they beat Abingdon United 3-2 at Alfredian Park during midweek.

Gary Ackling's side still have a game in hand over Ardley but turn their attentions to a Hellenic Floodlit Cup semi final against Flackwell Heath tonight.

Wantage return to league action this Saturday when they travel to struggling Holyport.

Meanwhile, Abingdon United's hopes of avoiding relegation were boosted with other results going their way.

Andy Zoldan's men are fourth from bottom with 25 points, three ahead of Holyport and four of Newbury.

Both sides have two games in hand over United while Holyport failed to make up the ground when they lost 6-2 to Flackwell on Tuesday.

Bottom side Abingdon Town were beaten 5-1 by Binfield.

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Williams drivers finish in the top ten but podium hopes slip away

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A LATE safety car cost Williams Martini Racing any hopes of their first podium finish in almost two years last Sunday, as their cars finished seventh and eighth at the Bahrain Grand Prix.

Felipe Massa and Valtteri Bottas had been challenging the Force India drivers of Sergio Perez and Nico Hulkenberg for third position for the majority of the race.

Both Williams drivers made their final pitstops early to try and catch back up to their rivals, but the safety car, caused when Esteban Gutierrez's Sauber rolled over, halted their progress.

As a result, Massa ended up seventh with Bottas eighth, in a copy of their finishing positions in Malaysia the previous weekend.

"We were in a good position and fighting but sadly the tyre degradation was worse than expected," said Massa.

"The safety car didn't help the strategy as I think we should have been up with the Force India's, so that is a shame.

"Other than that it was a good race, with some good battles and to finish with both cars in the points is really positive."

Bottas added: "We had issues with the tyres that were worse than expected, but on a positive note we got some good points from both cars.

By **Adam Flinn**
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"We always want more though, so we will continue to work hard and look forward to the next race."

Elsewhere, Lotus driver Pastor Maldonado will start the next race in China with a five-place grid penalty, after being blamed for the crash that caused Gutierrez's car to roll.

The Lotus had just come out of the pits when Maldonado, following the Sauber into turn one, hit the back of Gutierrez's car.

Maldonado said: "For sure it's difficult to understand exactly what happened and I was coming out from the pits and with cold tyres.

"I think [Gutierrez] was very unlucky and it's good he jumped straight out of the car."

Despite the accident, Maldonado eventually finished the race 14th, while team-mate Romain Grosjean was 12th.

Both Marussia's also made the finish.

Max Chilton was 13th and Jules Bianchi 16th, while Kamui Kobayashi's Caterham came home 15th and Marcus Ericcson retiring.

Williams drop to sixth in the constructors' championship with 30 points, while Lotus, Caterham and Marussia are yet to score.

• *Valtteri Bottas started third and finished eighth in Bahrain last Sunday (Picture courtesy of Williams Martini Racing)*

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